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Samuel Gompers Speaks in Defense of the Dynamiters

Before the Senate Subcommittee on Judiciary.

## **GOVERNMENT BY INJUNCTION**

He Ascribes as the Primary Cause of Their Actions.

He Takes a Shot at Trial Judge Anderson.

ers union.

"If ever the time shall come," said Mr. Gompers, in the climax of his address, "when government by dynamite shall be attempted (and let us hope and work that it never shall come) it will have as its main cause the theory and policy upon which is based government to the condemned in this connection the National Erectors' association, the National Manufacturers' association and the United States Steel corporation.

"For six years the fight went on," he said. "All of the forces of organized society were used against these men. You say that these men resorted to forbidden lives. You condemn their methods of fighting as elemental, brutal. Of any or fighting as elemental, brutal.

the U. S. Steel corporation and the National Erectors association, Mr. Gompers declared that organized labor would not repudiate the Structural Iron Workers unions and leave them help-less and at the mercy of organized capital and insatiable, uncurbed greed for

"Though all censure those whom men may deem guilty of dynamite conspir acv." the federation leader continued. none feels the terrible consequence of the Indianapolis trial more keenly than the men of organized labor. There have been added heartache and sorrow to our already heavy burdens. The men accused and sentenced cannot suffer the penalty alone-upon them and all working men fall the suffering and penalty.

Conspiracy of Capital.

fenseless in the competitive struggle.
"Is not such a conspiracy sufficient-"Is not such a conspiracy sufficiently dastardly to incur some odium? Should the conspirators with their hands stained with life blood of men's ambition, happiness, liberty, be accorded nothing but honor, power, respectability? Should they be allowed to continue to manipulate the powers of government, the administration of usitice until the oppressed find the

tice while yet we may. The judge ous contracts, it was made on the re-who presided at the trial realized one of the issues—government by injunc-came a storm of protests and threats of the issues—government by injunc-tion lawless, autocratic, irresponsible exercise of governmental authority according privileges to the strong and femiliar institute to the weak."

denying justice to the weak."

Judge Anderson, who presided over the trial of the iron workers, was referred to particularly by Mr. Gompers, when he declared that "our whole social organization seems to be which he expects to file late this after-

Even the judge who tried the case noon. smugly assured of personal irresponsibility." Mr. Gompers said, "fatuously declared that 'the evidence in this case will convince any impartial person that government by injunction is infinitely to be preferred to government by dynamite."

SNOW HITS BIRDS ment by dynamite.

ment by dynamite."

"The worthy judge had blindly chanced upon one of the causes, but had failed to realize casual relationship. The words to him were simply a conventional epigram—he does not know that there is a law of life, just as immutable as the law of gravitation; of attraction, and realists. tion: of attraction and repulsion, law of life which meets tyranny and injustice by resistance. The inapt-ness, aye, the unwarrantable character of this utterance of the judge discloses how far affeld outside of the case he went to take another slap at labor." Defends the Federation.

said, "from the first insinuation that the enemies of our movement made to get the men higher up and because of their directly and indirectly connecting my name with the men supposedly higher up I have declared my readiness at any time to submit for examination by any representatives of constituted authority or by a commit-tee of any respectable body of citizens, every document, paper or account, financial or otherwise. I have chal-lenged, and now challenge, any of our enemies to show that there has been any unlawful conduct or any connecdirect or remote with any violence in connection with labor contro-

versy or otherwise. "Mr. Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, was summoned to appear before the grand jury. He took with him not only all the financial accounts and transactions of the American Federation of Labor but his own, and after a thorough scrutiny and investigation they were returned to him and are now

"Not a scintilla of evidence or sus-picion of wrong doing could be discovered; not a scintilla existed, or ex-

The federation leader referred to

acterized as "enemies" of organized la-bor, and continued: Enemies of Labor.

"You will see that I have quoted the worst enemies of organized labor, my most conspicuous and relentless enemies, men who would if they could send me to jail, or consign me to the send me to jail, or consign me to the gallows. I have not even referred to the regard, respect, or confidence of my friends, of the men and women who believe in my work and my motives. But, pray, will any one point to a single act aye, to a single utterance, of my worst enemles of a constructive liberty-loving humanitarian charac-ter? Anybody can be a man hunter, anybody can be a negative force; any-

body can be a nobody."

Mr. Gompers said he would have
the public consider the convicted iron "with the understanding mind and the spirit taught by the teacher of old who said Let him who s without sin cast the first stone.

"There are many ready to heap upon the structural iron workers," he declared "not alone the men adjudged guilty, but every member of their un-ion, condemnation and humiliation; Washington. Jan. 6.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of labor, speaking today before the senate sub-committee on judiciary in favor of the Clayton anti-injunction and contempt bills, gave answer to criticisms aimed at the organization of workers which he heads because of the trial and conviction, for dynamiting of officers of the Structural Iron Workers, association, the National Erectors' association, the National

policy upon which is based government by injunction—personal government foisted upon our people instead of a government by law."

In closing his statement which included an assault upon employers and manufacturers associations particularly

Attorney for Utilities Commission Appears in Court.

He Wants Cities to Regulate Their Gas Rates.

"But what of the conspiracy of organized capital—the conspiracy to tear from them the means of protection by which they have bettered their condition, to leave them bare and defenseless in the competitive struggles. court action.

rden intolerable?
"More wise it is to seek social jus-

he expects to file late this after-He declined to discuss the sitwhich he

Wichita Chicken Show Exhibits in Danger of Freezing.

Topeka Will Outdo Other Towns in Entries.

Wichita, Kan., Jan. 6 .- Zero weather and a light snow falling was the reception exhibitors at the Kansas State Poultry show received this morn-Defends the Federation.

Mr. Gompers defended the American Federation of Labor as a force for betterment of conditions and resented the attacks made upon it since the beginning of the dynamiters' case.

"We have been investigated," he said, "from the first insinuation that delivered at the exhibition rooms todelivered at the exhibition rooms to-day are heavily blanketed to keep the chickens' combs and feet from freez-ing. The show will continue all most

## BOY IS ITS VICTIM.

Strange Animal Attacks 12 Year Old Threats to Blow Up Federal at the city limits." Kansas Lad.

Great Bend, Kan., Jan. 6 .- Person in the vicinity of Hargrave, a small town in Ness county, are much con-cerned over the appearance of what is found he was unconscious and badly cut about the face and neck by the

## MRS. CAMPBELL SICK.

Congressman Called to Bedside of His Mother.

statements made by John Kirby, Jr., Kansas, is at the bedside of his moth-president of the National Manufactur-er. Mrs. Mary Campbell, who is criti-

U. S. Supreme Court Rejects Artificial Plant in Topeka Is Ways and Means Committee of One of Kansas Natural Gas Re- Additional Rock Island Author-Proposal of U. P. Lawyers

Southern Pacific Merger.

panies Win Big Decision.

on the Rate Cases.

Washington. Jan. 6.-The supreme court today held that the plan ad- paring the artificial gas plant at the Southern Pacific company by transfer nish the local distributing company to the stockholders of the Union Pacific company would not so effectually end the Union Pacific merger as to comply with its dissolution decree.

By upholding certain disputed counts against James A. Patten and others, charged with a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law in running a so called cotton corner, the court sent the case against the men to trial in the

lower courts.
Patten, Eugene G. Scales, Frank B. Hayne and William H. Brown were indicted in New York on charges of con spiring on January 1, 1910, to "corner cotton by extensive buying on the New York Cotton Exchange as a result of which "the price would be enhanced and ultimately bring arbitrary and excessive prices." The corner was described as calculated to yield \$10,000,-

Railroads and express companies wor a revolutionary decision when it was held that contracts limiting to small sums their liabilities for loss of ship-ments were not subject to state laws but to interstate laws.

It was further held that contracts limiting liabilities to a small sum, in eturn for a low rate, were not in violation of the interstate commerce laws, particularly the Carmack amendment. Scores upon scores of such contracts To bring about an investigation of the gas situation in Kansas, John Marshall as attorney for the public utilities commission, will this afternoon file with the commission a complaint against the Kansas Natural Gas companies to the man and wife according to the man and wife a ing to a decision today by the supreme

The Minnesota reciprocal demurrage law of 1907 was annulled as unconsti tutional by the court. The court held that the federal government had legis-lated on the subject and so taken away all power, if any existed, from the states to legislate on it as far as interstate commerce was concerned. Sev-eral states have similar laws.

The court concluded its decisions without announcing those on the state rate cases.

Reno Man Shoots at Wife Five didn't he find out that the Times in Year.

Watching Marksmanship.

Hutchinson, Kan., Jan. 6.-Five times shot at her with revolver.

One time attacked her with a butcher knife. One time tried to choke her to death. That is the bill of particulars filed

by Mrs. Sadie Boalth against her husfor divorce in the district court. And it all happened within less than a year, the wife declares. Mr. and Mrs. Boalth were doing light

housekeeping in Hutchinson at the On four or five occasions last wintr and spring the husband tried to shoot her, the wife says. Once she saved her life only by grasping the revolver, the hammer snapping down

on her finger. Last May he used the butcher knife on her, she says, and her life wa saved then by her sister. In September he tried to choke her to death. Finally she couldn't stand it any longer, she says, and she left him on December 12 last.

by Warden McClaughry.

"Pen" Rouses Officers.

Leavenworth, Kan., Jan. 6 .- The cerned over the appearance of what is reason for Warden McClaughry's or-declared to be a mysterious animal der barring visitors from the federal that attacked and seriously injured a penitentiary was learned when it be-12-year-old boy, Jacob Schlagel. The boy was herding some cattle and when the destruction of the prison and its officials had been received. The order is without precedent at the prison except in cases of quarantine against

> Some of these letters, all anonymous, are written in red ink and con-tain dire predictions. Others are addressed to members of the "dynamite squad." Mail will not be delivered until the letters are examined by government postoffice inspectors.

Warden McClaughry's order was is-Pittsburg, Kan., Jan. 6.—Congress-man Phil P. Campbell, of the Third eral Wickersham, to whom it is supers. William J. Burns. the detective who caused the arrest of the McNamaras after the Los Angeles Times explosion; Harrison Grey Otis, editor of that paper and others whom he charington a few days ago.

er. Mrs. Mary Campbell, who is critically with the receipt of the prison reported the receipt of the prison reported the receipt of the interest and the receipt of the prison reported the receipt of the interest and the receipt of the prison reported the receipt of the prison reported the receipt of the interest and the receipt of the prison reported the receipt of the prison reported the receipt of the prison reported the receipt of the interest and the receipt of the prison reported the receipt of the pris posed the first officer of the prison

Being Remodeled.

PLAN WILL NOT DO GAS AT OLD PRICE? TO TINKER TARIFF SHARITT'S

Charge of \$1.25 Here.

Railroads and Express Com- Mayor Says Topeka Receiver When the New Congress Meets The 50c Charge Made Impera- Officials Receive New Terri-Has Been Asleep.

Court Adjourns Without Action Points Out Promise Never Ful. Same Course as in Last Session Present Supply Gone-Cost New Prominence to Headquarfilled by Judge Pollock.

> Men are working night and day prewith the product from the southern Kansas and Oklahoma fields. The rethis action of the Consumer's Light, enue only." Heat and Power company and it has been discovered that Topeka will have to pay the old franchise price of \$1.25 a thousand cubic feet if the natural

supply is cut off from the city mains.

L. G. Treleaven, manager of the
Consumers' company and secretary
of the old Excelsior Coke and Fuel or the old Excessor Coke and Fuel company, admitted this morning that the artificial plant was being repaired and remodeled for the local distribution in case any action was taken by the Kansas Natural company or in case the supply of natural gas was exhausted.

"We want to be ready to send artificial gas through the mains," explain-ed Manager Treleaven. "There is al-tariff rates from "acids to zine" the ways danger that the supply will be exhausted. I will not say that we are anticipating any trouble—but when it comes we will be prepared for it. We are under a contract to furnish gas—whether it is natural or artificial and we will do all in our power to keep the we will do all in our power to keep the gas in the mains

Mayor Billard would make no comments on the action of the Consumers' Light, Heat and Power company to-day except that the corporation was under obligation to the city through its franchise to manufacture gas if necessary.

"However," he said, "the old franchise allows them to charge \$1.25 a thousand cubic fest—this is prohibitive to most consumers and will stop the use of gas for heating purposes." Billard Answers Sharitt.

Mayor Billard today answers the at-tacks made upon him by George Shar-ritt, one of the receivers appointed by idge Pollock.
"Mr. Sharitt made one false state-ent—maybe more," the mayor exment—maybe more," the mayor ex-plained. "He said that after the re-ceivers had applied for the increase in price some time ago not a mayor

"Sharitt must have been asleepossibly he did not read the newspapers. Didn't he know that twenty-five nayors met at Kansas City and made protest against the raise? Didn't he hear that we appointed a commit-tee to do all in its power to prevent an advance in the cost of the product? And this committee went to Judge Pollock personally and requested that a hear-ing be given the cities before an in-She Sues for Divorce After Mr. Sharitt did not keep awake to

these facts.
"And I might add that Judge Pollock promised to give us a hearing before he gave out his order—and the hearing never was granted.

Consumers' Light, Heat & Power com-pany, but the gas sould in Topeka

this month will be at the "sual rate of 25 cents a thousand cube feet.
"In the first place," said Mayor Blllard. "We will pay only twenty-five cents for gas this month. I don't know what charge will be made by the com-pany-but twenty-five cents is all that

Consumers in Topeka will pay."

Manager Treleaven sets all the unthe creek. easy at rest by this statement:
"I do not anticipate any increase in the price this month. We have no inormation to the effect that m be charged. The bills undoubtedly will

be the same as before." The pressure today is not as good as "Don't brag about the good pressure Even Newspaper Men Barred we held Sunday," warned Mr. Treleaven, "Today the cold spell is holding over

and quite naturally the pressure is lower. But we are sending out through him for his championship of the Jewish the mains all the gas we can procure cause in the recent diplomatic em-

## HERE'S YOUR SHARE.

United States Has \$34.72 for Every One of 96 Million People.

Washington, Jan. 6,-The latest estimate of the population of con-tinental United States, places the figure at 96,496,000 on January 2, This figure was used by treasury department experts in determining that of the total money in circulation in the country on that date, \$3,350,727,580. The amount per capita

Jeff Davis's Successor Named. Little Rock, Jan. 6.-Governor George W. Donaghey today appointed J. N. Heiskell, editor of the Arkansas Gazette of this city, U. S. senator to succeed the late Jeff Davis. The appointment is for the short term ending

Weather Forecast for Kansas. air and warmer tonight and Tuesday.

the National House

ical Schedule of Duties.

## COTTON CORNER CASE IS BACK BILLARD ANSWERS SHARITT PLAN TO HAVE A BILL READY ADOPTED THE ONLY PLAN CARTLIDGE AND P. E. WALKER

in Extra Session.

Seems Likely.

Washington, Jan. 6.-Democratic revision of the tariff actually got under sas Natural Gas company, is indignant. vanced by Union Pacific attorneys of foot of Monroe street for use in case way today when the house ways and Before leaving for the southern Kansas disposing of the entire stockholdings the natural supply is either exhausted means committee began hearings, gas fields last night. Sharitt declared of the Union Pacific railway in the or the Kansas Natural refuses to fur- which will be the basis of the new that the abuse of Judge John C. Pollock tariff bill of the congress to repeal the because of his recent order was unfair Payne-Aldrich law in accordance with and unjust. The Topeka man places the party's pledges for an "immediate at the door of Kansas state and municport came to the city hall today of downward revision," and "tariff rev- ipal officials much of the blame for

The hearing was on schedule "A" the present troubles in the gas situation. chemical schedule. The committee plans to go down through the list, Judge Pollock, issued on the recommen-

go into the next congress which is to convene in extra session probably between March 15, and early April. When the tariff hearings are ended Democrats of the committee will devote themselves, in daily sessions to the formula tion of the tentative tariff legislation which they hope to have ready by March 15 if not earlier. The concrete expansion of the free list and so on chemical, wool, cotton, iron and steel and free list bills went through both houses but met presidential vetoes.

Chairman Underwood of the ways and means committee, and his associates are inclined to favor the same course as that of last session. By that procedure it is urged by its advocates "log rolling" or trading on rates on various articles could be avoided. The chemical schedule is one of three or four that command the greatest interest. Democratic committee claim re-vision along the lines embodied in the chemical bill of last year would save American consumers \$17,000,000 by re-ducing the prices of all chemicals and at the same time increasing the revenue to the government. The plan of city made a protest against the the committee is to levy low rates of duty upon noncompetitive articles pro duced in this country, especially the chemicals used in the textile industry and chemicals and drugs used for med-

Motor Car, Rapidly Driven, Skids Into Creek.

One Dead, Four Injured, After House Party Ends.

The accident was the tragic end of to secure natural at the loss of the secure natural secure na The car was running at a rapid rate in order that the party might catch a train at Edwardsville.

gas. Yet Sharitt points out that in the clamor for cheap gas and for a conservation of the supply that none

over the embankment attracted a farmer, who arrived quickly enough to aid all but Abbott to gain the banks of

Washington, Jan. 6.-President Taft today adds to his collection of dec-orations a gold medal, presented to broglio with Russia which resulted in the abrogation of the treaty of 1832, with that country. The medal is the gift of the B'Nai B'Rith, the constitutional executive committee of which is meeting here. Adolph Krau grand president of the national organization of the B'Nai B'Rit heads of the commission will make the presentation. Luncheon, at which the president play-ed host, followed.

## E. C. FORNEY DEAD.

Was Once Traveling Representative of the Topeka "Commonwealth."

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 6.—E. C. Forney, of Guthrie, nephew of the late John Forney, the Philadelphia journalist, and himself a newspaper man for years in Philadelphia, New York, Chicago and Topeka, died last night at Stroud, Okla., where he had a farm. Mr. Forney was a pioneer in Kansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico and was an aspirant for United States senator in New Mexico during the campaigns in New Mexico during the campaigns prior to statehood.

ceivers Makes Statement.

For the Dissolution of the Franchise Allows Original Begins Hearings on the Chem- Declares Receivers, Not Pol- All Legal and Claim Business lock, Are to Blame.

tive by Conditions.

More to Get More Gas.

George Sharitt, receiver for the Kanthe present troubles and complications

In the opinion of Sharitt the order of taking a new schedule every other day dation of the gas company receivers, until all have been covered. Most of the Democrat majority of the present ways and means committee will go into the next congress which is to sand feet and even at that price, the receivers have lost all sight of the individual stock holders of the Kansas Natural and are merely striving to se-cure enough money to provide an adequate supply for future years and to pay off the present indebtedness of the oig corporation,

Blame the Receivers, Says Sharitt. expansion of the free list and so on will be formally passed upon at a caucus of the representatives of the new house soon after the opening of the extra session. This caucus will determine whether the new tariff legislation shall be in the form of a single measure or in separate bills, schedule by schedule along the lines of the tariff procedure of the last session when chemical, wool, cotton, iron and steel and free list bills went through both houses but met presidential vetoes. "City officials of Kansas City, and than we when he declared that such action would allow the supply to diminish and that the innocent consumers would suffer. But if there is to be any blame in this matter, let the people blame us. We asked the court to do what it did and the only fair thing that could be

"The trouble," continued Sharitt, "is "The trouble," continued Sharitt, "is that every city and state official had reason to know that just this very thing would happen and they did absolutely nothing to prevent it. When an appraisement of the gas company's property was ordered no one said a word. The utilities commission and the mayors of the various towns knew that it meant an increase in the price of gas. They knew it could mean nothing else. meant an increase in the price of gas.

They knew it could mean nothing else.

But did they go before the court and ask to take a part in this investigation or to be notified before an order was issued? Not a bit of it. They waited until the order was made. Then

they set up a howl." Criticises Utilities Comm With the exception of John Marshall, its attorney, Sharitt has no kind words for the utilities commission. He de-clares that the commission dodged the issue and made no effort to investigate

the real conditions.
'Away along last May." said Sharitt, "the gas company went before the utilities commission and told them of the situation. They asked permission to increase the rate to boiler consumers in the amount of two cents a contract of the cents are the contract of the cents are the ce "Sharitt asks whom I represent every gas consumer in Topeka with the exception of a receiver of the gas company and a few others of Pollock's friends. Sharitt may be a gas consumer but I believe he represents Judge Pollock and the gas company to a greater extent than he does the mass greater extent than he does the mass greater extent than he does the mass consumers in Topeka."

House, But and the gas company to a greater extent than he does the mass preater extent than he does the mass consumers in Topeka."

House party at the home of John a house party at the home of John at the old prices."

City Officials Insincere.

Sharitt complains bitterly of the inspanding the prices." thousand feet. And what has the

n order that the party might catch the clamor for cheap gas and for a train at Edwardsville.

The cries of the girls as the car went of these officials have shown the least tendency to relinquish the contract to

use all the free gas possible.

"If these officials are really sincere and are not playing politics, they GOLD MEDAL FOR TAFT could very easily vitiate their municipal contracts in the interest of humanity over whom they now show so could very easily vitiate their municipal contracts in the interest of humanity over whom they now show so much concern. Those contracts were made at a time when it seemed the Kansas-Oklahoma gas supply was as inexhaustible as is the West Virginia fields. There are 22 towns and cities receiving free gas either for light or heat or both.

"Some of the towns even receive free gas for their schools and churches. They heat and light their city halls, fire stations, hospitals and public buildings. They don't pay a cent for this gas. But in the clamor Jewes Remember His Championship
of Their Cause.

mainty over whom they now show so
much concern. Those contracts were
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Kansas-Oklahoma gas supply was as
inexhaustible as is the West Virginia
fields. There are 22 towns and cities

cent for this gas. But in the clamor for gas for the poor, meagre salaried working man none of these cities have said they would shut off their free The minimum temperature was supply and let these poor working men degrees above zero at 10:30 o'clock have a little of the fuel to cook his

2,380 free street lights. It lights its 36 hour shipments north and west hospitals and fire stations and public against temperatures of ten or lower; doesn't pay a cent. And now well east and south, zero." doesn't pay a cent. And now when the gas is low, the town enlists the aid of Topeka and other towns and makes a great demonstration in the interests of the poor, working people. But non-of them have relinquished their con-tract which gives them millions of feet

of free gas. That State Contract.

"We furnish the Parsons asylum gas at a contract price which is ridiculously low. The state pays us six cents a thousand feet for that gas. In January, 1912, that institution alone used 275,000 feet of gas a day, or 8,368,000

(Continued on Page Two.)

# SIDE COMES TO TOPEKA

ity Is Brought Here.

From St. Louis Division.

tory Under Supervision.

ters in This City.

Through an announcement just received in this city, Topeka is given additional prominence and authority as second district headquarters of the Rock Islands Lines. The entire legal and claim business of the lines between Kansas City and St. Louis has been transferred to the offices of Paul E. Walker, general attorney, and W. C. Cartlidge, claims agent, with headquarters in Topeka. The new order is effective immediately.

The order follows the resignation of F. W. Evans, attorney for the Rock Island and Frisco at St. Louis, and A. H. Bolte, claim agent of the road in the same city. Evans will spend all of his time with the Frisco legal work. Bolte will enter the general practice of law. All reports, communications, and legal business connected with the offices of F. W. Evans and A. H. Bolte will be handled in the offices of Paul E. Walker and William C. Cartlidge. Topeka.

The announcement means that here-

after the Topeka legal headquarters will handle all of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico and Colorado.

Nebraska, New Mexico and Colorado. This big territory comes under the jurisdiction of General Attorney Walker.

It means also that Claim Agent Cartlidge will handle the St. Louis division in addition to his old district, including the Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Colorado and El Paso divisions. All of his adjusters at this time make their headquarters in Topeka.

Topeka.

T. J. May has been appointed claim adjuster for the St. Louis division with headquarters at Eldon, Mo. William E. F. Kirk has been appointed claim adjuster with headquarters at Kansas City to succeed Mr. May. James S. Palmer is made adjuster at Des Moines, vice E. S. Earhart, resigned.

Moines, vice E. S. Earhart, resigned. Homer Wells succeeds Mr. Palmer at Des Moines. Philip B. Lowrey is appointed claim adjuster at Des Moines to succeed C. M. Gladson, resigned. M. E. Gault goes to Little Rock to succeed C. N. Bell. resigned.

Topeka now is the second district headquarters for the operating, passenger, claim, legal, mechanical and other depending departments of the Rock Island Lines. Only the freight department is divorced from the general offices proper. The "general eral offices proper. The general freight agent has headquarters at Kansas City.

Winter Temperature and Snow Come at Last.

Close to Zero Tuesday Morning, Says Weather Man.

After a record breaking period of sunshine and even temperatures Kansas and shine and even temperatures Kansas and
Topeka are now experiencing the first
touch of a genuine brand of winter acmospheric conditions. The minimum
temperature this morning as recorded by
the government observer was five degrees
above zero. A light snow has fallen in
Kansas, and the Santa Fe reported this
morning that the "soft stuff" was coming
down gently along all its lines in the state
The gree pressure in Topeks, was good

down gently along all its lines in the state. The gas pressure in Topeka was good this morning. There was comparatively little difficulty in maintaining street railway traffic on account of the snow. A few of the cars, however, ware slightly off schedule time.

\_he demand for assistance at the Provident association has been somewhat greater today than normal for the last few weeks. The plumbers have received a few calls to thaw out frozen pipes, but trouble in this respect has been nominal. The coal and shoe men have found trails brisk.

The mercury will probably be hovering close to the zero mark Tuesday morning, according to "Sunny" Flora, the weather man, who takes things in a philosophical manner. "It is much better to have our winter weather now." said he "than in

manner. "It is much better to have our winter weather now." said be, "than in March.

A fifte n mile breeze from the north has held the temperatures down today.

The minimum temperature was four have a little of the fuel to cook his morning. "Sunny" Flora stated this early morning breakfast. Not a bit afternoon that the mercury will proba-"Sunny" Flora stated this ble be below the zero point by morn-"In Kansas City, Mo., where there ing.
"In Kansas City, Mo., where there ing.
The shippers forecast reads: "Protect

Ice Melts Quickly. Chicago, Jan. 6.-Three tons of ice melted in five minutes today when an ice auto caught fire in front of a down town drug store. William Fea-sler, the chauffeur, stopped the truck in front of the drug store to deliver some ice, when gasoline dripped on the pavement. This was ignited when a man tossed a lighted cigar stub on the